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Land Reclamation Commission  
Staff Director

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Dear Mr. Coen,

Thank you for the reply from my first request for a hearing about the Fischer Quarry and Hauling, LLC. My request still stands for the reasons in my first letter and now I have may more reasons. Since receiving the first letter, I have been reading everything I can find on limestone quarries. On February ninth I called Fischer Quarry for a meeting and the next day they called me back and said that the DNR would be setting up a meeting.

As you come south on Highway 61 into Ste. Genevieve County there is the largest quarry in the Nation. Holcum Quarry with a holding of 4,000 acres of beautiful land. You go south a couple of miles and you cross Brickey Road. If you go east toward the Mississippi River there is another quarry. Go south a couple of miles more on Highway 61 and you will come to the area that Fischer Quarry wants to put in another quarry. This seems to be a lot of quarries in the space of less then five miles.

Attached is a picture of the area in front of Fischer Quarry # 1 in St Mary's as you can see there is nothing close to it. Also attached is a picture of the neighborhood that is in front of the planned Fischer Quarry #2. There are several homes and an elementary school. Also I took a picture of a dump truck coming out of Fischer Quarry #1 and you can see the rocks are bouncing off of it and it isn't staying on the correct side of the highway. These trucks will be passing our homes and the elementary school several times a day.

I also found a lot of information about limestone dust and it is very harmful. I have printed this information and would like to bring it to a hearing.

Our family medical history is not very good. I have had two cancer surgeries and my husband had one. The limestone dust can cause cancer especially for someone who is susceptible to it. At this time our oldest son has lung cancer and is doing treatments and will have part of that lung removed along with some ribs. He will be staying with me after his surgery and this dust would not be good for him. We have two young granddaughters that spend a lot of time with us. They are in good health but with our medical history I do worry about them. Especially since they will be going to the elementary school across from the mine. We also have a great granddaughter that has asthma and has to have breathing treatments. We hate to think that she will not be able to spend any time at our home.

Thank you for reading my letter and looking at my pictures.

Sincerely,

*James Earl Barbara Williams*